

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement drawings of Figures 1-7, as submitted in the April 22, 2009 amendment, are attached in Appendix A for approval by the Examiner. Figures 1-7 are amended to more clearly show the tapered main section as claimed. In addition, the replacement drawings of Figures 1-7 attached in Appendix A for approval by the Examiner are properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

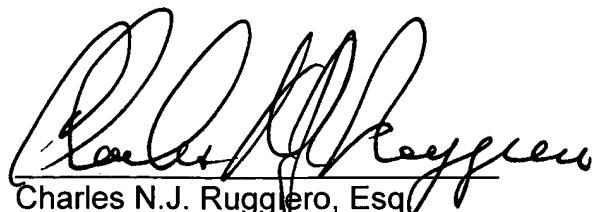
Claims 22 – 24 and 26 – 43 are pending in the present application.

As previously provided in the Amendment mailed April 22, 2009, the Examiner requested that Figures 1-7 be amended to more clearly show the tapered main section as claimed. Replacement drawings of Figures 1-7 are attached in Appendix A for approval by the Examiner. Figures 1-7 are amended to more clearly show the tapered main section as claimed. Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added. In addition, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment asserts that the Amendment filed on April 30, 2009 is considered non-compliant because the drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). The replacement drawings of Figures 1-7 attached in Appendix A for approval by the Examiner are properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet." Entry of this correction is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

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APPENDIX A